



DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT

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PLACEMENTS DOWN 5%

For the week ending May 22, 2004, growers placed 11.3 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 5.5% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.3 million) decreased 5.5% from the comparable week in 2003. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.1 million, a decrease of 5.1% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 10.9 million for the week ending May 15, 2004 compared to 11.9 million slaughtered during the same week in 2003.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/ PREV YR	CURR YR	CHICKS HATCHED 1/ PREV YR	CURR YR	CHICKS PLACED 2/ PREV YR	CURR YR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
03/27/04	14,356	13,931	12,210	11,328	12,210	11,628
04/03/04	15,118	13,856	12,425	11,217	12,427	11,428
04/10/04	15,032	13,925	11,861	11,175	11,861	11,175
04/17/04	15,202	13,705	11,822	11,362	11,825	11,362
04/24/04	14,457	13,963	12,499	11,357	12,596	11,357
05/01/04	14,491	13,837	12,448	11,362	12,546	11,362
05/08/04	14,515	13,866	12,583	11,229	12,584	11,229
05/15/04	14,586	13,981	12,010	11,535	12,012	11,685
05/22/04	14,875	14,113	11,970	11,317	11,972	11,317

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING 05/29/04	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	82.72	82.25	76.04	55.13
12-City Composite 2/	81.77	80.50	76.53	60.00

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.